GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:196
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
CONSTRUCTION OF DAM ON MAHADAYI BASIN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government propose to construct a dam on Mahadayi basin and channelise its water to the Malaprabha river;

(b) if so, whether a tripartite meeting of irrigation secretaries of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra has been convened by the Central Water Commission recently to thrash out the issue;

(c) if so, the outcome of the meeting arrived at;

(d) whether all the State Governments have submitted their reports to the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the extent to which the issue has been resolved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) Government of Karnataka have proposed to divert 7.56 TMC of waters of the inter-State Mahadayi river to Malaprabha basin which was objected to by the Government of Goa. To sort out the issue, the Central Water Commission convened a n inter-State meeting of the representatives of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra on 29.5.2001. It was decided in the meeting that the CWCwill carry out hydrological studies of the basin within 3 months to assess the virgin yield which is a prerequisite for any inter-State agreement on water sharing.